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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of presenting data over a network comprising:

providing a persistent graphical object representing a rotating globe that depicts a plurality of geographical points and a plurality of geographical regions representative of geographical locations of a physical world;

extracting a plurality of content elements from at least one data file, at least one of the content elements conveying information related to at least one geographical location of the physical world;

superimposing the at least one content element on the graphical object at the geographical point or geographical region that is representative of the geographical location of the physical world to which the content element relates;

presenting said graphical object in a composition accessed by an initial application, said object having state and having one or more possible external connections;

allowing a user to indicate relocation of said graphical object to a location outside of said initial application; and

thereafter moving said graphical object to said outside location, preserving state of said graphical object.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said graphical object, once relocated, will persist and maintain state after termination of said initial application.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said initial application location is selected from the group consisting of:

a web browser and said composition is a web page, or

a desktop provided by an operating system.

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4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein ~~said overlay images location is selected from the group consisting of~~at least some of said content elements convey at least one of the following types of information:

~~one or more hyperlinks to other information available over a network;~~

one or more images indicating weather in various locations; and

one or more links indicating news stories related to a particular location displayed on said globe.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said relocation may be repeated from a current location to any number of additional platforms.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3 wherein said desktop provided by an operating system is an interface of a platform, said platform selected from the group consisting of: a windows PC, a Macintosh PC, a Unix-type operating system, a set-top box, a wireless logic appliance, an internet appliance, a personal digital assistant, or another ~~any other~~ device connected to a network.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein said new location is selected from the group consisting of: a desktop provided ~~ing~~ by an operating system,; an ~~different~~ application from the initial application,; and a different computer platform with a different operating system.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said graphical object comprises:

one or more user interface components and wherein said components are preserved after a relocation; and

one or more connections to one or more external entities and wherein said connections are preserved after a relocation.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said allowing a user to indicate relocation comprises selecting and dragging a graphical object.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said allowing a user to indicate relocation comprises discontinuously selecting a graphical object and placing said object in a new location.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 8 wherein said one or more external entities are selected from the group consisting of: web servers, other applications, background processes, and other remote processes.

12. (Currently Amended) A system presenting web content comprising:

a information appliance displayable representation of a globe, where the globe is displayed using 3D software rendering and wherein the globe depicts a plurality of geographical points and a plurality of geographical regions representative of geographical locations of a physical world;

a logic module that projects web content onto the surface of said representation of a globe by performing at least the following acts:~~;~~

extracting a plurality of content elements from at least one data file, at least one of the content elements conveying information related to at least one geographical location of the physical world;

superimposing the at least one content element on the globe at the geographical point or geographical region that is representative of the geographical location of the physical world to which the content element relates;

~~wherein said content appears on the globe at geographic locations associated with said content.~~

13. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 12 ~~further~~ wherein said representation of a globe can be accessed through a web browser as embedded in a web page and~~/or~~ can reside on an operating system desktop, ~~(PC and/or Mac and/or other platforms) and/~~or can be executed as a stand-alone application in a window and ~~further~~ wherein the same functionality is provided in any location.

14. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 12 ~~further~~ wherein web content is rendered on the globe as channels, wherein a channel is a set of related content from a content provider, ~~or~~ an association of content providers, or a broker of web content, and wherein content items in a channel have some geographical distribution.

15. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 14 ~~further~~ wherein content items can be associated with points on said representation of a globe or regions ~~areas~~ on said representation of a globe.

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16. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 14 ~~further~~ wherein when a ~~point~~ cursor is moved over a content item a textual window will pop up that reveals~~ing~~ details about a content item.

17. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 14 ~~further~~ wherein active content items can have actions associated with them that are ~~to be~~ triggered when a user selects a content item.

18. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 17 ~~further~~ wherein said actions are one or more selected from the group consisting of:

opening a web browser with a URL link as a parameter;

bringing content to the globe with a parameter the web address of content;

initiation of communication to another globevoii user through email, chat, or sending an instant message;

submitting an HTTP post that initiates or completes a web service associated with a channel provider, ~~such~~ so as to book~~ing~~ a flight with a travel agency and with the parameters being an IP address and post data.

19. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 14 ~~further~~ wherein channels are defined using XML format and, describ~~ing~~ content at least in terms of geographic position, click-action, and parameters for a click action~~, etc~~.

20. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 19 ~~further~~ wherein channels may have reference to Envoii sub-compositions to be added dynamically to a GlobeVoii application so as to, provide~~ing~~ a unique interface and behavior for a given channel and wherein these references are used to retrieve the Envoii sub compositions from a web server.

21. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 14 ~~further~~ wherein channels are licensed to channel providers on a pay per channel; pay per end user; or a pay per user action basis.

22. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 14 ~~further~~ wherein a texture map rendered on said representation of a Globe is part of a separate 2D rendering system, said 2D rendering system comprising a local display managing system for managing repainting damages.

23. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 14 ~~further~~ wherein a representation of a globe displays real time daylight illumination of the Earth using 3D shading with the lighting source being the correct relative position of the sun to the Earth.